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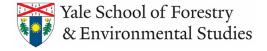
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Agenda: Thursday,	October 20th
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8:00am	Registration and Volunteer Check-In Breakfast	77 <sup>th</sup> Street Lobby Hall of Northwest Coast Indians
9:00am	Welcome and Introduction	Kaufmann / Linder Theaters
	<b>Ana Luz Porzecanski,</b> Director, Center for Museum of Natural History	Biodiversity and Conservation, American
9:15am	Plenary Address	Kaufmann / Linder Theaters
	Weaving Science and Scientists into the Tapestry of Conservation Nalini Nadkarni, Professor of Biology, University of Utah	
10:00am	Talk Session: Indigenous Perspectives	Kaufmann / Linder Theaters
	Session Chair: <b>Ana Luz Porzecanski,</b> Director, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History	
	Jordan York Lakehead University	Demographic and traditional knowledge perspectives on the status of polar bears
	Sahil Nijhawan University College London	Do cultural taboos conserve wildlife?
	Javier Mateo-Vega McGill University & Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute	Participatory visioning of pathways and constraints for REDD+ in Indigenous lands
10:55am	Break	Hall of Northwest Coast Indians
11:20am	Talk Session: Social–Ecological Systems	Kaufmann / Linder Theaters
	Session Chair: <b>Georgina Cullman,</b> Biodiversity Scientist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History	
	Carol Bogezi University of Washington	What fosters ranchers' pledge to participate in wolf conflict mitigation strategies?
	Claire Hoffmann University of Michigan	Examining the effect of billboards on local engagement with human-wolf conflict
	Anna Panariello Bard College	Fostering habitats: identifying drivers of the illegal slow loris trade in vietnam
	<b>Natalia Aristizábal Uribe</b> <i>Universidade de São Paulo</i>	Land use and ant-mediated pest control services in coffee-dominated landscapes
12:30pm	Group Photo	Powerhouse, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
1:00pm	Lunch: Mentor-Hosted Tables	Powerhouse, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor

#### 2:20pm Speed Talk Session

Kaufmann / Linder Theaters

Session Chair: **Cynthia Malone,** *Manager, Pacific Programs, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History* 

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<b>Lynn Waterhouse</b> <i>Scripps Institution of Oceanography</i>	Moving forward: lessons learned and strategies from assessing fisheries in California
Christopher Satter Virginia Tech	Long term study estimating ocelot density across varied habitat types in Belize
Erasme Uyizeye Antioch University New England	Using benthic macroinvertebrate communities as indicators of sustainable wetland use
<b>Robert Pecchia</b> <i>Hunter College</i>	Novel hosts are critical when predicting spread of invasive avian brood parasite
Daniela Poo-Muñoz Santo Tomás University	Dogs into the wild: assessing dog presence in a biodiversity hotspot

#### 2:55pm

#### **Speed Talk Session**

Session Chair: **Kim Landrigan,** Assistant Director for Capacity Development, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

<b>Ryan Richards</b> George Mason University	Identifying challenges to on-farm restoration of Brazil's Atlantic Forest
Felipe Miguel Libran Embid University of São Paulo	Forest cover effects on coffee leaf loss and fruit set at local and landscape levels
Teresa Rose Osborne State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Estivation physiology and habitat selection in southern California land snails
<b>Lauren Collins</b> University of Glasgow	Visitor perceptions of a Eurasian brown bear (Ursus arctos) sanctuary
<b>Diya Paul</b> Rutgers University	Unintended wildlife spaces in the eastern ghats: bears & antelopes in the anthromes

#### 3:25pm

Speed-Talk Discussion and Break

Hall of Northwest Coast Indians

#### Agenda: Thursday, October 20th

#### 4:05pm

Talk Session: Tools and Techniques

Kaufmann / Linder Theaters

Session Chair: Ned Horning, Director, Applied Biodiversity Informatics, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

Eric Ramos The Graduate Center & Hunter College	Testing unmanned aerial systems for behavioral observations of marine mammals
Morgan Rubanow Western Slope Conservation Center	Can camera traps provide accurate population density estimates for Northern quolls?

#### 5:00pm-7:30pm

Poster Session, Resource and Career Fair + Pizza Reception

Hall of Primitive Mammals and Ornithischian Dinosaurs, 4th floor

Poster presenters are asked to be at their posters for in-depth discussion with mentors and attendees between 6:00-7:30pm.

Network and gather information about future careers and resources in conservation science!

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8:00am	Breakfast and Registration	77 <sup>th</sup> Street Lobby
9:00am	Talk Session: Species Distributions Session Chair: <b>Felicity Arengo</b> , Associate Dire American Museum of Natural History	Kaufmann / Linder Theaters ector, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation,
	James Herrera American Museum of Natural History	Response diversity in lemurs of Madagascar promotes ecosystem resilience
	Alexander Thornton University of Alaska Fairbanks	Understanding resiliency of Pacific walruses to climatic change using stable isotopes
	Beth Gerstner The City College of New York	Museum and citizen science records change distributional estimates for the olinguito
	Samuel Roberts University of Delaware	Estimating the persistence of seaside and saltmarsh sparrow populations in New Jersey
	Emily Howard-Williams University of Northampton	Eurasian harvest mouse ( <i>Micromys minutus</i> ) movements across eroded ecological networks
10:35am	Break	Hall of Northwest Coast Indians
11:00am	Talk Session: Ecology, Evolution and Landscape Conservation	Kaufmann / Linder Theaters
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#### Agenda: Friday, October 21<sup>th</sup>

2:30pm	Speed Talk Session	Kaufmann / Linder Theaters	
-	Session Chair: <b>Rae Wynn-Grant</b> , Conservation Science Research and Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History		
	Charles van Rees Tufts University	The movement ecology of an endangered rallid, the Hawaiian gallinule	
	<b>Sylvia De La Piedra</b> <i>Texas Tech University</i>	Remotely–sensed vegetation seasonality parameters for monitoring wildlife populations	
	Eduardo Alexandrino University of São Paulo	Highly disparate bird assemblages inside sugarcane and pastures crops	
	Andrea Reid Carleton University	Paper parks and the bumphead parrotfish they do not protect	
	Joseph Cutler University of California Santa Cruz	Conservation of Cameroon's crater lakes	
	<b>Ziyun Zhu</b> Peking University & Shanshui Conservation Center	Sacred nature sites and biodiversity conservation in Qinghai–Tibet Plateau grassland	
3:10pm	Speed Talk Session		
	Session Chair: <b>Mary Blair</b> , Director, Biodiversity Informatics Research Center, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History		
	Jennifer Miller Panthera	Aging traits and sustainable trophy hunting of African lions	
	Alexandra DeCandia American Museum of Natural History & Columbia University	A novel molecular method for noninvasive sex identification of order Carnivora	
	<b>Yifan He</b> University of Michigan	Spatial exclusion of a native ant by an invasive shrub within a short 50 year window	
	<b>Mbunya Francis Nkemnyi</b> University of Antwerp	Reconstituting the role of indigenous structures in protected forest management	
	Samuel Sellers University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, USA	Exploring value—added in an integrated population, health, and environment project	
	James Goetz Cornell University	Household resource politics: PES implementation in La Visite National Park, Haiti	
3:50pm	Speed-Talk Discussion and Break	Hall of Northwest Coast Indians	

#### 4:30pm

#### **Plenary Address**

Kaufmann / Linder Theaters

The Science, Sociology and Politics of Parks

**Rose Harvey**, Commissioner, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Introductionary remarks by **Eleanor Sterling**, Chief Conservation Scientist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

#### 5:20pm

#### **Awards Ceremony**

Kaufmann / Linder Theaters

Closing remarks and awards presentation for best talks, speed talks, and posters by **Ana Luz Porzecanski**, *Director*, *Center for Biodiversity and Conservation*, *American Museum of Natural History* and **Felicity Arengo**, *Associate Director*, *Center for Biodiversity and Conservation*, *American Museum of Natural History* 

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#### 5:35pm-6:00pm

**Closing Reception** 

Hall of Northwest Coast Indians

#### 6:30pm-8:00pm

#### **Special Evening Event**

Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Hall of the Universe

#### System-Wide Approaches to Primate Conservation

Join us for an evening of cocktails and conversation about conservation with experts from the field in the Museum's incredible Hall of the Universe!

Social, economic, and cultural factors drive environmental threats and impact conservation success. A panel of experts will discuss their experience addressing these challenges and the implications for work with primates and the landscapes that sustain them.

#### With panelists:

- Farwiza Farhan, Environmental activist and Founder of Yayasan HAkA, Indonesia
   2016 Winner of the Whitley Award in Ape Habitats
- Ekwoge Enang Abwe, Ebo Forest Research Project, Cameroon 2013 Winner of the Whitley Award
- Nora Bynum, Director, Keller Science Action Center, Field Museum

Moderated by **Ana Luz Porzecanski**, *Director*, *Center for Biodiversity and Conservation*, *American Museum of Natural History* 

We thank the Arcus Foundation for their generous support of this special evening event.

#### Agenda: Saturday, October 22th: Workshops

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9:00am-	n- Workshop Session I	
12:00pm	Introduction to Statistics in R for Conservation Scientists  RGGS Lab, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Led by: Erika Crispo, Matthew Aiello-Lammens, <i>Pace University</i>
	Using Social Media to Make Your Science Matter  RGGS Classroom, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Led by: Sam Oester Chris Parsons, George Mason University; John A. Cigliano, Cedar Crest College; Joshua Drew, Columbia University; Clare Fieseler, University of
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	Stand Out for the Right Reasons: Designing Effective Posters and Presentations	Led by: <b>Nadav Gazit</b> , <i>Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History</i>
	People's Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	
	What am I Going to Do with the Rest of my Life?! Exploring Careers in Conservation	Led by: Mary Blair, Rae Wynn-Grant, Cynthia Malone, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History; Alexandra Sutton, Duke
	Kaufmann, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	University
10:30am-	Workshop Session II	
12:00pm	Assessing the Risk of Resistance to Bt Crops Using RAMAS IRM	Led by: Nicholas Friedenberg, Applied Biomathematics
	Calder Lab, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	
	Know Your Role! – How to Be an Effective Mentor and Mentee Linder Theater, 1st Floor	Led by: Jason Aloisio, Lily Mleczko, Wildlife Conservation Society; Mark Weckel, American Museum of Natural History; Robert Newton, Columbia University
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1:00pm-	Workshop Session III	
4:oopm	Making Decision Makers Do the Right Thing Room 319, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor	Led by: David Johns, Portland State University; Wildlands Network and Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative
	Talking the Talk: Giving Effective and Engaging Presentations  RGGS Classroom, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Led by: Sam Oester Chris Parsons, George Mason University; John A. Cigliano, Cedar Crest College; Joshua Drew, Columbia University; Clare Fieseler, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
	Occupancy Modeling for Wildlife Conservation	Led by: Morgan Tingley, University of Connecticut
	RGGS Lab, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	
1:00pm-	Workshop Session IV	
2:30pm	Teaching to Teach; a Conservation	Led by: Sylvia Atsalis, University of Chicago; Marilyn

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Teaching to Teach; a Conservation Training Model that Works!

Calder Lab, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Norconk, Kent State University

#### Nalini Nadkarni

Professor of Biology, University of Utah

#### Weaving Science and Scientists into the Tapestry of Conservation

Some of the gravest issues facing society concern the increasing degradation of the environment and the growing distance between science and society. These problems are especially grave for public audiences who are underserved by traditional science communication pathways. Scientists have a potential critical role in ameliorating these problems because of their deep knowledge and passion for their work and processes. However, scientists receive little or no training in communication, and academic rewards for public engagement by scientists are scant. I present examples of synergistic public engagement to of my own discipline—forest ecology—to underserved audiences (urban youth, faith—based communities, incarcerated men and women) to address these questions: 1) How might we develop communication tools and pathways that will enhance public engagement by academic scientists? 2) What mechanisms might make public engagement be viewed as synergistic to scientists? and 3) How can we measure the impacts on scientists and these audiences?



#### **Rose Harvey**

Commissioner, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

#### The Science, Sociology and Politics of Parks

Rose Harvey, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and a former Senior Vice President for the Trust for Public Land, discusses lessons she has learned in her career encouraging people to visit parks and open space, while providing responsible stewardship for critical natural resources.



National Autonomous University of Mexico Is coral juvenile abundance associated with reef quality?

#### **Mazie Alexander**

Science Research Mentoring Program, American Museum of Natural History Studying the role of rivers as barriers in Amazonia using the genetic and morphological diversity of *Lepidothrix coronata* 

#### **Bernadette Arakwiye**

Clark University

Predictive distribution mapping and protection status of Albertine rift endemic birds

#### Olivia Asher

Science Research Mentoring Program, American Museum of Natural History The diet of New York City coyotes

#### **Justine Atkins**

Princeton University

Modelling the drivers of large herbivore
movement in a spatially patterned landscape

#### **Ashara Bell**

Science Research Mentoring Program, American Museum of Natural History Methods for conserving bog turtles (Glyptemys muhlenbergii): developing a non-invasive protocol for DNA extraction

#### **Greer Bizzell-Hatcher**

Science Research Mentoring Program, American Museum of Natural History
Analyzing dietary diversity through food group indicators and the effects of local and nonlocal food consumption

#### Sam Chew Chin

York College
Surveying without seeing: environmental DNA
metabarcoding of fish

#### **Nicholas Dorian**

Tufts University
Effect of bumble bee queen body size on
overwinter survival and colony establishment

#### John English

Bard College

The effect of global change factors on American grasslands

#### **Andrea Giardina**

Moravian College
Ending the plight of the elephant: a humananimal interaction

#### **Rachel Giles**

McGill University
Zooplankton community responses to a regime change experiment

#### Francisco Gomes De Carvalho

University of São Paulo Carbon stocks in fragmented forests are extensively modulated by edge effects

#### **Taylor Hains**

Fordham University
Speciation and hybridization patterns of two endangered Neotropical crocodiles

#### **Chris Hensley**

California State University
Differential urban biotic filtering in three desert
cities in the USA

#### **Natalie Howe**

Rutgers University Lichens of Philadelphia

#### **Mahir Ismail**

Science Research Mentoring Program, American Museum of Natural History Genetic analysis of Boraria stricta's arrival in the Mianus River Gorge Preserve

#### **Andrew Jacobson**

*University College London*Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) status, distribution, and research efforts across its range

#### **Serge Alexis Kamgang**

University of Oxford

Influence habitat change on chimpanzee ecology in Mbam Djerem National Park, Cameroon

#### **Jamie Kass**

The Graduate Center, City University of New York Wallace: a user-friendly web app for advanced modeling of niches and distributions

#### **Eric Katz**

University of Michigan

Kulisha: fueling the future of fish farming one insect at a time

#### **Pradeep Koulgi**

National Center for Biological Sciences Fragmentation impacts on soil carbon storage in tropical rainforests of Western Ghats

#### **Justine Therese Lamperty**

Rice University

Investigating associations between defaunation and changes in macroinvertebrate communities and their role in driving key ecosystem processes in an afrotropical forest

#### Valerie Magan

Science Research Mentoring Program, American Museum of Natural History Landscape Genetics of Central Asian Snow Leopards (Panthera uncia)

#### **Alison Molnar**

**Chatham University** 

Quantifying impacts of invasive vascular plant species on carabid beetle assemblages

#### **Asia Murphy**

Virginia Tech

Aliens among us: how exotic predators influence the distribution of native species

#### **Amelia Olsen**

Science Research Mentoring Program, American Museum of Natural History Humans and conflict with bears (oh my!)

#### **Libertad Orozco**

Instituto de Ecología A.C.

Effects of landscape attributes and urbanization on carnivores in Central Mexico

#### **Eric Osei-Kwarteng**

Visionary Vine

Hippo Conservation status along the Black Volta River in Northern Ghana

#### Soloniaina Mamy Razafitsalama

Planet Madagascar

Resident attitudes toward endangered lemurs, forests, and conservation

#### **Ganga Ram Regmi**

Global Primate Network-Nepal
Potential distribution of Assamese macaque in
South and South-east Asia

#### **Anne Ricculli**

**Drew University** 

Using digital scholarship to evaluate trends in coral in 19th c. British periodicals

#### **Ruby Rivera**

Ridge to Reefs

Tracking and addressing pollution impacting coral reefs at Tres Palmas Marine Reserve

#### **Christian Rivera**

**Princeton University** 

Exploitation of endangered mammals in the United States

#### Isabella Romitelli

University of São Paulo

High variability and low carbon stocks of tropical forest in fragmented landscapes

#### **Guide to Posters**

#### **Kaia Tombak**

Princeton University
Differential exposure and vulnerability to
parasites in plains and Grevy's zebras

#### Lina Valencia

University of Texas at Austin Conserving the endangered silverybrown tamarin in highly degraded forests

#### Vivian Valencia

University of Michigan Coffee agroforestry and the conservation of native forests in a Biosphere Reserve

#### **Meredith Vanacker**

Yale University
The impact of urbanization on Echinostoma sp. infection of green frogs

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